QUESTIONNAIRE ON NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Are you the parent of a child attending one of the city's public schools?

If so, give name of school_____

If not, give name of school in your district_____

Name of Organization:

_____

1. Are you satisfied with the education your child is receiving from the public school? Yes____ No____

2. Do you find the school lacking in any of the following facilities? Please check:
   Classrooms____ Gymnasium_____ Auditorium_____
   Lunchroom_____ Cafeteria_____ Toilet Facilities_____
   Library_____ Playground_____ Shop_____ Other_____

3. Is the school on split sessions? Yes___ No___ If yes, how many split session classes are there?_____

4. How many children are now enrolled at the school? _____

5. Are classrooms overcrowded? Yes____ No____

6. How many pupils are there in a class?

7. Have you ever had any difficulty registering your child in school? Yes___No___ If yes, indicate nature of difficulty_____
   _____.

8. Do you think a new school is needed in your area? Yes___ No___
   If yes, what kind? Elementary____J.H.S.____H.S.___ (Check)

9. Do you think an addition to the school is needed? Yes____No____
   If yes, what should it include? List:_____

10. How far does your child have to walk to school?_____

11. Do you find the school lacking in any of the following materials and equipment? Check which ones.

    Paper___Textbooks___Pens___Movie projector___Slide Projector___
    Filmstrips___Radio___Tape recorder___Phonograph___Tachistoscope____
    Accelerator___Games & Charts for developing word and number skills___Art materials(paints, crayons, clay, yarn, thread, etc.)
    _____Is the library adequately stocked?___

12. If your child is in the primary grades, is he given workbooks to write in? Yes___No___If yes, through what grade_____

13. How has the school changed in the past 5 years in the following :
    A. Educational standards_____
    B. Quality of teachers_____
    C. Teacher attitude_____

D. Principal attitude_____
E. Class size_____
F. Racial composition_____
G. Plant facilities_____
H. Curriculum_____
I. Student morale_____
J. Teacher morale_____

14. Does the school provide an "after-school" recreation program? Yes___No___ If yes, what activities does it offer_____
_____
If no, do you think one is needed at the school? Yes___ No___

15. Is there a social worker assigned to the school? Yes___ No___
If yes, how many days per week does he spend at the school?_____

16. Is there a full-time nurse in the school? Yes___ No___

17. Does the school have a full-time librarian? Yes___ No___
How often does the child visit the library?_____
Is child taught how to use library?_____

18. What provisions are made for children expelled from the school?
_____.

19. How many teachers are employed at the school?_____
Of this number, how many are long-term substitutes?_____
how many times in the past month has your child had a part-time substitute?_____

20. Is the faculty at this school integrated?_____

21. Is there a Negro employed at any higher level than that of a teacher? Yes___No___

22. Does the school have a guidance program? Yes___No___
If yes, how many guidance counsellors for each grade?_____
Are the counsellors specially trained in guidance counselling?___
*If yes, describe nature of guidance program_____
If yes, do you think it needs improvement?_____

23. Does the school have provisions for children in the following circumstances? Write Yes or No along side each:
Emotionally disturbed___ Retarded___ Advanced___
Children with language barriers___ Slow readers_____
*If no, indicate which areas you would like to see provided for.

24. If you are a parent of a public school child, what grade is your child in?_____ *What is being taught in arithmetic?_____
At what grade level is your child reading?_____
Does your child get homework? Yes___ No___
If yes, how often?_____ In what subjects?_____

25. How many hours per week are devoted to the following?
Music_____ Art_____ Dramatics_____ Science_____ Social Studies_____ Physical Education_____ Auditorium Programs_____
How often is child taken on field trips?_____ Where to?_____

26. Is the school playground space adequate? Yes____ No____
*List school playground facilities._____
Is there a special playground area for younger children?Yes__No__

27. Do you think the most skilled and qualified teachers are being equally apportioned through the schools? Yes____No____
How does the school rank in the city-wide standardized testing program? 3B Reading_____6B Reading_____7B Arithmetic_____

28. Is your child eager to attend this school? Yes_____ No_____
*If yes, why?_____
*If no, why?_____

29. Does this school have a Parent Teachers organization? Yes__No___
If no, do you think there is a need for one? Yes____No_____
If there is a group at the school, give name. _____
Are you a member? Yes_____No_____
Do the meetings allow for discussion and action toward solving pressing school problems? Yes_____No_____
*What specific problems were discussed during the last year?

30. Does the panel of officers reflect the composition or the wishes of the parent body? Yes_____ No_____

31. *How do you think the school can be improved?

32. Members of the Board of Education are chosen by the Mayor. Do you approve of this method? Yes_____No_____
If no, would you prefer one of the following methods: Check one.
___a. Direct election by the people on an area-wide basis.
___b. Nomination by Mayor and confirmed by City Council on area-wide basis.
___c. Appointed by City Council or Mayor on area-wide basis.

33. Would the quality of a particular school determine your decision to either leave or move to a neighborhood? Yes_____No_____

34. Are you interested in receiving the findings of this questionnaire Yes_____ No_____

35. Are you interested in joining the I.S.C.D.E.? Yes_____ No_____
If yes, please give (Optional)
Name_____
Address_____
Telephone_____

36. Do you favor annual promotion_____(Check one)
semi-annual promotion_____

*PLEASE NOTE: IF THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT SPACE TO INSERT YOUR ANSWER, PLEASE USE BACK OF FORM, INDICATING NUMBER OF QUESTION BEING ANSWERED.